

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yutaka KATSUYAMA

Serial No.: New

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: January 8, 2001

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: RULED LINE EXTRACTING APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING RULED
LINED FROM NORMAL DOCUMENT IMAGE AND METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Before
examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **AMEND** the specification as follows:

Page 27, line 14, delete "are" and insert therefore --is--;

Page 34, line 18, delete ".";

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15, 17-28, 30-39, and 41-44 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed.

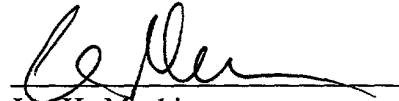
It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

By:



Jon H. Muskin

Registration No.: 43,824

700 Eleventh Street, N.W.
Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 434-1500

Date: January 8, 2001